

that the committee amendments are good amendments and they enhance the bill and if you accept the amendments to those amendments that Senator Hall proposes, that you have essentially contradicted the purpose of this bill. In fact, you have a full summary on your desk before you of LB 90 with committee amendment which I refer to you if you're having trouble following this. And then if you take that and you compare what the bill does with the adoption of the committee amendment and then you try to insert in what Senator Hall's amendments do, you can identify a whole range of problems that will be created by adopting the Hall amendments. We have attempted to run this by a whole range of professionals, law enforcement people, judges and so on in an attempt to genuinely produce the best bill we can. I can frankly tell you that if every piece of legislation that we brought before you in this Legislature had been as thoroughly researched and as thoroughly critiqued as this bill has, we'd probably never have a special session because we've made some big mistake and we'd probably get through this process a lot more quickly than we have. And so I would have to urge you to look at these amendments that Hall is proposing, Senator Hall is proposing, and reject them. They could create a real nightmare for law enforcement people contrary to Senator Hall's statements that they aren't intended to apply to other professionals out there. Every opinion we have found from judges and professionals, there is great concern out there and legitimate concern that, in fact, this could be interpreted in that fashion. It could, in fact, extend to other professionals and if our intent here, and it is our intent to protect children and, in fact, not to harass children, the amendment, in fact, would work in just the opposite direction. I have great concerns just about the language of this amendment because it is so vague. It's really very difficult to determine how, in fact, a lot of the amendments to the amendment would be applied and I think those are legitimate questions to be raised. The bill as amended by the committee is clear, it's easy to understand, it puts a procedure into place that can be followed and it does, in fact, protect the interest of the child. The issue that Senator Hall raises about the danger of coaching children, that's often a point you hear on a bill like this. The main concern there appears to be that children might be manipulated to falsely accuse someone. If that's going to happen, and it could happen. We've all heard of instances where an unhappy spouse in some instances might attempt to use a child to falsely accuse the other spouse or some of those other kinds of circumstances, yes, those those instances do happen, but let me remind you those do,